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SENATOR CHAFEE SUPPORTS VETERANS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee yesterday expressed his support for America's veterans by voting to approve a \$1.5 billion funding increase for veterans' healthcare. This funding will remedy the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) budget shortfall for 2005, which would have forced the agency to shift funds from other accounts to cover medical expenses.

"Ensuring our Nation's veterans receive the best medical care possible is a top priority of mine, and I am proud to stand in support of a measure which gives the VA the means to accomplish this. With the growing number of injured veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, I am very pleased that my colleagues have come together to ensure the men and women who selflessly serve this Country are properly treated when they return home," Senator Chafee said.

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